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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Aiden Flanagan

Serial No.: 10/059,634

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR CLOSED-LOOP
CONTROL OF LASER
WELDER FOR WELDING
POLYMERIC CATHETER
COMPONENTS

Examiner: Koch, G.

Group Art Unit: 1734

Docket No. BSC0003/US

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2004 requiring restriction of certain claims within the subject application. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the currently pending claims into Group I, claims 1-23 and 43-61, drawn to a method of forming a fusion bond, and Group II, claims 24-42, drawn to an apparatus for forming a fusion bond.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-23 and 43-61, drawn to a method of forming a fusion bond. This election is made without traverse.

It is submitted that the above election is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2004, and timely filed within the shortened statutory period.

No fee is deemed necessary, should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

By:

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